

# MARINE CORPS WARFIGHTING LABORATORY

**Project Metropolis (ProMet)** involves the techniques, tactics, and procedures associated with tactical level urban operations, as well as those technological innovations that will facilitate those operations. This has been the focus of ProMet experimentation over the last three years. Following on the heels the Warfighting Lab's "Urban Warrior" series of experiments, ProMet has sought ways to improve the Marine Corps ability to fight and operate in the most likely battlefield of the future.

**Description:** Partnering with Marine Corps Operating Force units, ProMet is currently conducting a series of six major experiments at the platoon through battalion (reinforced) level, testing across all spectrums of conflict. Experimenting with symmetric and asymmetric threats in both high and low intensity combat environments, ProMet takes a holistic approach to finding ways to prepare for the "three block war".

Additionally, the ProMet team is beginning the Tactical Warrior series of experiments, aimed at analyzing the practicality/effectiveness of adding capability enhancements to small units within the Ground Combat Element. Based on lessons learned during previous experiments and guidance from the Commandant of the Marine Corps, these experiments will entail pushing capabilities down a number of echelons to unusually low levels. The initial capabilities being experimented with are precision shooting, precision targeting and organic breaching.

With the completion of the Urban Combined Arms Experiment in the summer of 2002, ProMet's focus has shifted to facilitating the transition of experimental lessons learned through the combat development process. These lessons learned will come in the form

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of doctrinal revisions, training improvement recommendations and the identification of technological/materiel shortcomings.

**Deliverables:** Transition Basic Urban Skills Training program to Training and Education Command in order to provide the Marine Corps with a framework on which to build future urban training programs. Assist the Expeditionary Forces Development Center (EFDC) in the rewriting and publication of the revised FMFM 3-35.3 "Military Operations in Urban Terrains". Assist Marine Corps Systems Command as they explore solutions to the multiple materiel deficiencies identified during experimentation and those captured in the Universal Needs Statements.

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